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TWO CENTS.

SITUATION SERIOUS BUT NOT HOPELESS

Railroad Officials and Committee of Managers Working to Devise Some Means of Averting Threatened Railroad Strike—100 Railroad Heads in Washington Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, August 21.—With the arrival here today of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and other western railway executives in response to President Wilson's summons, important developments in the threatened railway strike situation were looked for, although no further general White House conference was expected here tomorrow.

President Wilson, however, made no engagement for today and stood ready to continue negotiations with the railroad executives. While the railroad officials have tentatively refused to accept the settlement plan proposed by President Wilson that they grant an 8-hour day with pro rata pay for over time and submit other issues to investigations by a federal commission, they are said to be considering a counter proposal. It is said to include arbitration of some of the points in dispute with the granting of others.

President Wilson had before him today numerous telegrams from business men and trade bodies urging that he insist on arbitration. It was said officially, however, that the appeals would be without effect on him since he had failed in his effort to bring about arbitration and had no way of forcing it.

The incoming executives conferred with those already here and with the managers' committee to familiarize themselves with the negotiations so far. All the western presidents are expected before tomorrow noon. By that time it is thought 100 railway heads, representing properties valued at about \$10,000,000,000, will be assembled for the next conference with the President.

The railroad presidents and their committee of managers worked steadily today to devise some means of averting the threatened strike which would, in the main, accept President Wilson's plan, but at the same time preserve the principle of arbitration.

Leaders of the railroad executives declared they were united against the President's plan as it stands and hoped to agree on some form of a counter proposal. The railroad presidents were considering under what circumstances they could find a way to accept the 8-hour day basis and still conserve the principle of arbitration.

Western railroad presidents arriving today seemed confident that a way would be found to avert a strike.

No conferences between President Wilson and the railway executives are expected before tomorrow.

The men, after a brief meeting today, adjourned until tomorrow, awaiting developments and meanwhile sent delegates to congressmen to acquaint them with the details of the controversy. The situation continued, as both sides expressed it, as serious but not hopeless.

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ITALY BECOMES FOE OF GERMANY

Her Action in Landing Troops at Saloniki Is Very Significant

NO DECLARATION OF HOSTILITIES

The Fact Germany Has Forces on the Saloniki Front Shows That Italians Are Ready to Join in Battle Against Teutons.

PARIS, August 21.—Italian troops began to disembark at Saloniki yesterday, says a Havas despatch from that point. On leaving their ships, the despatch says, the Italians passed through Saloniki to camp, preceded by the military bands of the allies and cheered by the populace.

Active participation by Italian troops in the Saloniki campaign would mean the existence of a state of war between Germany and Italy. Germany is directing the operations against the allies on this front and as the official German reports show has forces there.

Italy, which has a considerable surplus of troops, has been urged to take a more active part in the Balkan operations, but was believed to have refrained partly on account of the fact that she was not at war with Germany. There have been several recent indications, however, that a declaration of hostilities was forthcoming.

RUSSIANS MAKE FURTHER ADVANCES

Are Over Border Into Hungary, and Other Forces Are Pushing Through Carpathian Passes.

PEIROGRAD, August 21, via London.—The Russians have made further advances at some points along the Stokhol line where they broke through the Austro-Hungarian defenses last week, the war office announced today.

The capture of more than 1,300 men in this region in two days is reported. The Russians are pressing forward vigorously through the Carpathian passes which lead to Hungary. Following last week's announcement of advances near Korosmezo, the war office today reported gains in the pass east of this region leading south from Kuty.

TRYING TO AVOID STREET CAR STRIKE

Mayor Mitchell Returns to New York to Confer with Railroad Men and Their Employees.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—In the hope of averting a threatened strike of the street and electric railway employees that would tie up not only the surface car lines of at least three of the boroughs of this city, but the elevated and subway lines also, Mayor Mitchell came home today from Plattburgh, N. Y., to confer with the railway men and their employees.

NORMAN ANGELL "CONVICT."

Berlin Reports English Writer Has Eighteen Months Sentence.

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—According to the Overseas News Agency an Italian paper has published a report that the English writer, Norman Angell, has been sentenced to 18 months at hard labor, after having been under arrest for several months, because he declined to take part in the war.

This unconfirmed report from Berlin is the first intimation that Mr. Angell had become involved in any such difficulties. He is the author of a number of works on war and diplomacy. Mr. Angell spent his youth in the United States. He is best known for his advocacy of international peace.

Mr. Angell has made several visits to America during the war, lecturing on peace at first, but last February he advocated complete preparedness for this country. Most of his lectures were delivered in New York.

USED FLAMING LIQUID.

But Germans Failed to Make Gains at Fleury, Near Verdun.

PARIS, August 21.—The Germans delivered a violent attack on Fleury, near Verdun, last night using flaming liquid, but without result, says the war office statement today.

Convoys are to make a million dollar trolley terminal, work on which will soon be commenced.

EIGHT BUILDINGS BURNED AT MARLOW

Loss of \$30,000 With But Little Insurance—Heavy Blow to Town with 450 Population.

MARLOW, N. H., Aug. 21.—One of the worst fires in Cheshire county in many years destroyed eight buildings here soon after daylight Sunday. The loss is from \$25,000 to \$30,000. A few of the owners of the property destroyed carried some insurance. None of them carried enough to cover the loss.

The fire started in the shed of the Marlow Inn and spread in either direction, making a clean sweep on one side of the Main street. It was discovered about 4 o'clock by Harry Lewis, the proprietor of the hotel, who was awakened by the barking of his dog.

Mr. Lewis aroused the people in the hotel and they escaped in their night clothes. There were 10 persons in the building. The horses, automobiles and carriages were removed from the barn, but a quantity of hay and grain burned. The hotel property is valued at from \$7,000 to \$9,000 and the contents at about \$2,000. There was \$6,000 insurance on the property.

Two buildings west of the hotel, owned by the Ladies' Aid society and Perley Fox, were destroyed. The loss to the Ladies' Aid society will be upward of \$1,000 with a large number of sugar pails, syrup cans, several evaporators and a stock such as carried in a country hardware store and plumbing shop. Many of the pails, paints, hardware and one evaporator were saved.

Mr. Fox's loss will be upwards of \$2,000. No insurance.

The first building east of the hotel was owned by Mrs. Mary Wheeler of Boston, and occupied by Edward Britton. A portion of the furniture was removed and some of the contents of the barn were also saved. The loss to the house, barn and contents will be about \$1,800.

The next building was owned by L. D. Tinker, and occupied by J. A. Ayer as a store on the ground floor and dwelling above. Mr. Tinker's loss will be close to \$2,000. Mr. Ayer's loss will range from \$1,200 to \$2,000. A considerable amount of his stock was removed. The buildings and contents were partially insured.

The next house and barn were owned by Jennie Crosby of Milford, N. H., and occupied by Milan Knight. The loss to the buildings will be more than \$1,000, while the loss to the contents will be less than \$200. Most of the furniture was taken out.

The next set of buildings, owned by Charles Britton, were damaged about \$2,500. This property was partially insured.

The last house in the row to be swept by the flames was owned by Burton C. Howard and occupied by Napoleon Porter and Mrs. Alice Hannaford. The occupants of each tenement were away and the doors were broken down and some furniture taken out. Mr. Howard stated today that the insurance on the building had expired Saturday.

The loss to buildings and contents will be about \$2,800. Henry Dodge lost about \$250 in a barn that was burned. Fortunately the live stock in all the barns was saved by a corps of volunteer firemen from this town and firemen who came from Newport, Washington, Keene, Alstead and Gilsom. There was plenty of water but a lack of pumps.

All of the buildings destroyed were on the north side of Main street, with a pond forming a semicircle just back of the buildings. After the firemen saw that the row was doomed they turned their attention to saving buildings on the opposite side of the street. Several houses were badly scorched. The fire is a heavy blow to the town, which has a population of only about 450. Hundreds of automobiles came to Marlow to view the ruins during the day.

20,000 DELEGATES IN NEW YORK CITY

Large Attendance at Sessions of American Federation of Catholic Societies.

NEW YORK, August 21.—Business sessions of the American Federation of Catholic societies and allied organizations began here today with nearly 20,000 delegates attending. "Catholic Week," with a series of meetings and ceremonies which are to continue to and including Friday, was inaugurated yesterday with a pontifical high mass in St. Patrick's cathedral, attended by three cardinals and the apostolic delegates. This was followed by a mass meeting of the federation, which brought about 15,000 delegates in the evening to listen to addresses by Cardinals Gibbons, O'Connell and Farley and others.

THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair and Continued Warm Tonight and Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, August 21.—The weather forecast: Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday except showers Tuesday in Vermont. Moderate south winds.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. F. D. Kendall and daughter, Bessie, returned Saturday from a vacation of two weeks in Plymouth, N. H. Mrs. F. G. Pettet has returned from Schenectady, N. Y., where she visited three months in the family of W. H. Corser.

CENTER OF PLAGUE NOW IN MANHATTAN

More New Cases There Than at Any Time Since Inception of Disease

33 CHILDREN DIED AND 92 NEW CASES

Death Rate Was Lowered in Report Yesterday—Since Epidemic Began in June There Have Been 7,202 Cases and 1,650 Deaths.

NEW YORK, August 21.—The center of the epidemic of infantile paralysis shifted today from Brooklyn to Manhattan and there were more deaths and new cases there than at any time since the inception of the disease. During 24 hours preceding 10 a. m. the plague killed 33 children and 92 new cases were reported as compared with 108 new cases and 20 deaths at the end of the corresponding period yesterday. Since the epidemic began in June there have been 7,202 cases and 1,650 deaths.

EDWARD A. STARKEY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Former Brattleboro Man Severs Windpipe with Razor in Vergennes Hotel—Has Chance of Recovery.

Edward A. Starkey, formerly of Brattleboro, about 65 years old, a traveling salesman for the R. E. Dennis company of Rochester, attempted suicide at the Stevens House in Vergennes about 7 o'clock this morning, cutting his throat with a razor. He was rushed to the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington by automobile and it is stated that he has a chance of recovery. When asked why he had nothing to live for, he said he had nothing to live for. For the last two or three months Mr. Starkey has been making his headquarters at the Stevens House and has been traveling through the territory there by team.

It is evident that after he had drawn the razor blade across his throat he regretted his act and had a great desire to live as he rang furiously for a bell-boy. When the boy reached the room he found Starkey lying on the bed with the blood gushing from the gaping wound, the bedding being soaked. By means of signs he instructed the boy to lose no time in summoning medical aid.

Dr. V. W. Waterman, who was summoned, found that the razor had missed the jugular vein but had severed the windpipe. After rendering first aid Dr. Waterman had the injured man hurried to Burlington by automobile.

Mr. Starkey formerly was in the clothing and men's furnishings business in Brattleboro.

FORD CAR STOLEN FROM LAKESIDE BARN

Dealers Throughout New England Notified—Hudson Car Disappears in Northfield, but Is Found.

Within a week two automobiles have been stolen in towns near Brattleboro. A Hudson touring car which was left standing in front of East hall in Northfield disappeared. About 24 hours later it was found near Wannamaker pond. Evidently the persons who took it went on a joy ride and then returned the car to a point less than a mile from where it was taken. On Wednesday night, August 16, a Ford car was stolen from the barn at Lakeside, Spofford lake. This car was owned by Mr. Ryan, the proprietor of the resort. The car was in the barn with six other machines belonging to guests at Lakeside. No trace of this machine has been found, but dealers throughout New England have been notified of the theft and given a description of the car, with the manufacturer's number.

MRS. EUNICE KINGSBURY.

West Brattleboro Woman Dies Today in 91st Year.

Mrs. Eunice (Ingram) Kingsbury, 90, widow of Elmer Kingsbury, died this morning at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Everett B. Corbett of West Brattleboro, following a shock last night at 7:30 o'clock. She had been in her usual health up to the moment of being stricken.

Mrs. Kingsbury was born in Northfield, Mass., Oct. 8, 1825, a daughter of Elisha and Eunice (Chamberlain) Ingram. She was married when a young woman to Elmer Kingsbury, who died many years ago. She had made her home many years in the home of Mr. Corbett and was a member of the Baptist church of Wilmington, where they lived before coming to West Brattleboro four years ago. She leaves three grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

Excursion to Newport, R. I., Aug. 24. See advertisement on page 5.

DIED SUDDENLY OF HEART DISEASE

Harold Alexander Hodder Found Dead in Bed by Wife—Spent Last Three Winters in California.

Harold Alexander Hodder, 54, was found by his wife yesterday morning about 5 o'clock dead in his bed in his home, 79 Pine street. Death was caused by heart disease. Two weeks ago he was ill from the effects of the hot weather, but last week he had recovered sufficiently to work at his trade of interior decorator. He retired Saturday night apparently as well as he had been.

Mr. Hodder was born in St. John's, N. F., Feb. 9, 1862, a son of William and Anna (Davey) Hodder. His parents moved to England when he was two years of age and he attended private schools in that country and continued to make his home there until 1876. In that year he returned to St. John's and in 1888 moved to Montreal and later to Kingston, Ont.

In 1895 he went to New Rochelle, N. Y., and carried on a successful business as an interior decorator until 1909, when he moved to Brattleboro for the benefit of his health. The last three winters he had spent in California at Pasadena and Long Beach.

He married in St. John's August 29, 1885, Ada Nichols, who survives him with five children, Henry Samuel, Ada May and Francis, who live at home, Anna Eunice, wife of Charles Griffin of Quebec, and Harold A. of Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Hodder was a member of the Centre Congregational church.

CHARGE OF FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE

A. M. Sheldon Brought from Jacksonville and Case Continued to Friday—Has Cottage at Pond.

Albert M. Sheldon of North Adams, Mass., was brought to Brattleboro late Saturday afternoon charged with fishing without a license in Roberts' pond in Jacksonville, known also as Lard Beach, where Mr. Sheldon and five other parties own cottages that were built years ago. The case was continued to Friday for a hearing, bail being fixed at \$50.

For about 20 years Mr. Sheldon has spent the summer at his cottage at this pond on the shore of which he owns land. The pond contains pickerel, perch and bull head, and fishing in the waters is said to have been carried on by those who spend the summers there for a score of years.

E. H. Metcalf, a deputy game warden, and L. C. Bellows are witnesses against Mr. Sheldon.

DOOLITTLE AND MOORE BURY THE HATCHET

Sign Notices of Settlement of Disagreements, Which Means Discontinuance of Litigation.

Considerable litigation was brought to an end today by the filing of notices of the settlement and discontinuance of cases of Warren G. Doolittle against John M. Moore and of Moore against Doolittle, Fred Thomas and George Mundell.

The first of these cases was to have been heard by a jury this morning in the municipal court and the second was a count court case. Both arose over a dispute between the two principals regarding the expiration of a lease of a farm owned by Mr. Doolittle in Newfane. A jury heard the case of Doolittle against Moore in June and disagreed. It was to have been tried again today.

The notices were signed by Mr. Moore and by O. B. Hughes, attorney for Mr. Doolittle.

PLAGUE ARRESTED.

Only 10 New Cases of Infantile Paralysis in 48 Hours.

BOSTON, Aug. 21.—Spread of infantile paralysis in this state has been arrested temporarily at least, according to the reports received by the state department of health today. Only 10 cases were discovered in all parts of the state within the last 48 hours. Further preventative regulations, the outbreak of the conference in Washington on the subject last week, were being considered today.

Several well-known citizens were interviewed today with reference to the matter, and it is planned to print more interviews tomorrow. Those already seen stated as follows:

State's Attorney O. B. Hughes: I think it is a pretty good idea. I hope it goes through.

Charles A. Boyden, treasurer of the Brattleboro Trust Co.: It is a mighty

APPROVE SCHEME FOR PUBLIC PARK

Citizens Generally Hope to See Hooker Corner Preserved

ONE MAN PROMISES TO GIVE \$1,000

Statements by Owners of the Property and by Carl S. Hopkins, Who Made First Public Proposal—Interviews with Well-Known Persons.

Carl S. Hopkins' communication in The Reformer Saturday relative to a public movement to acquire the real estate at the corner of Main and High streets, known as the Hooker property, for a public park and possibly a site for a community building, meets with the general approval of the public.

The proposition has not taken definite shape, as the time has been brief, but the sentiments expressed by Mr. Hopkins coincide so generally with those held by the townspeople that if somebody takes the initiative and presents some positive plan to work on there is no question but that the movement will quickly acquire momentum.

As is well known, the property was bought by John B. Manley, who wanted to erect a garage on the rear part, and who sold the part on the corner, approximately 125 feet on High street and 50 feet on Main street, to Houghton & Simonds. Mr. Manley still owns the section between the corner lot and the Baptist church, which includes the Hooker residence.

Since Mr. Hopkins made the suggestion that the property be acquired by public subscription and perhaps turned over to the village or town some have wondered if Houghton & Simonds wished to dispose of their land and knew that Mr. Hopkins's was to issue a letter to the press.

Mr. Hopkins says very emphatically that not a living person except himself and stenographer had any knowledge or idea that he was to make such a suggestion. He says he was prompted to make it by his own personal sentiment in the matter and the sentiment which he had heard many others express.

Houghton & Simonds state that they had not the slightest intimation that Mr. Hopkins or anyone else was to issue any suggestion for publication, although they had heard many persons say that the corner ought not to be built up. They state that they bought it for the purpose of erecting a building thereon for their drygoods business and still intend to do so, although they have delayed building this year on account of the very high cost of building materials of every kind.

When asked if they would sell the land for public use they replied that they had not had time to consider the question.

Mr. Manley says the idea of saving the property for public use is a good one and that while he has set a price on what he does not intend to use and knows that persons are considering taking it off his hands he would rather see it turned into a park than used for commercial purposes and would make a more favorable price on it for that purpose, besides taking some stock in the enterprise if stock were to be offered for sale.

In the first mail after the letter of Mr. Hopkins was published Saturday Mr. Hopkins received a letter from a public spirited Brattleboro citizen offering to contribute \$1,000 toward the movement, with no strings attached. Several well-known citizens were interviewed today with reference to the matter, and it is planned to print more interviews tomorrow. Those already seen stated as follows:

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A SPECIALTY
—AT—
Newfane Inn
A Good Place for Automobile Parties to Dine
E. A. WHITCOMB, Prop.
Newfane, Vt.

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